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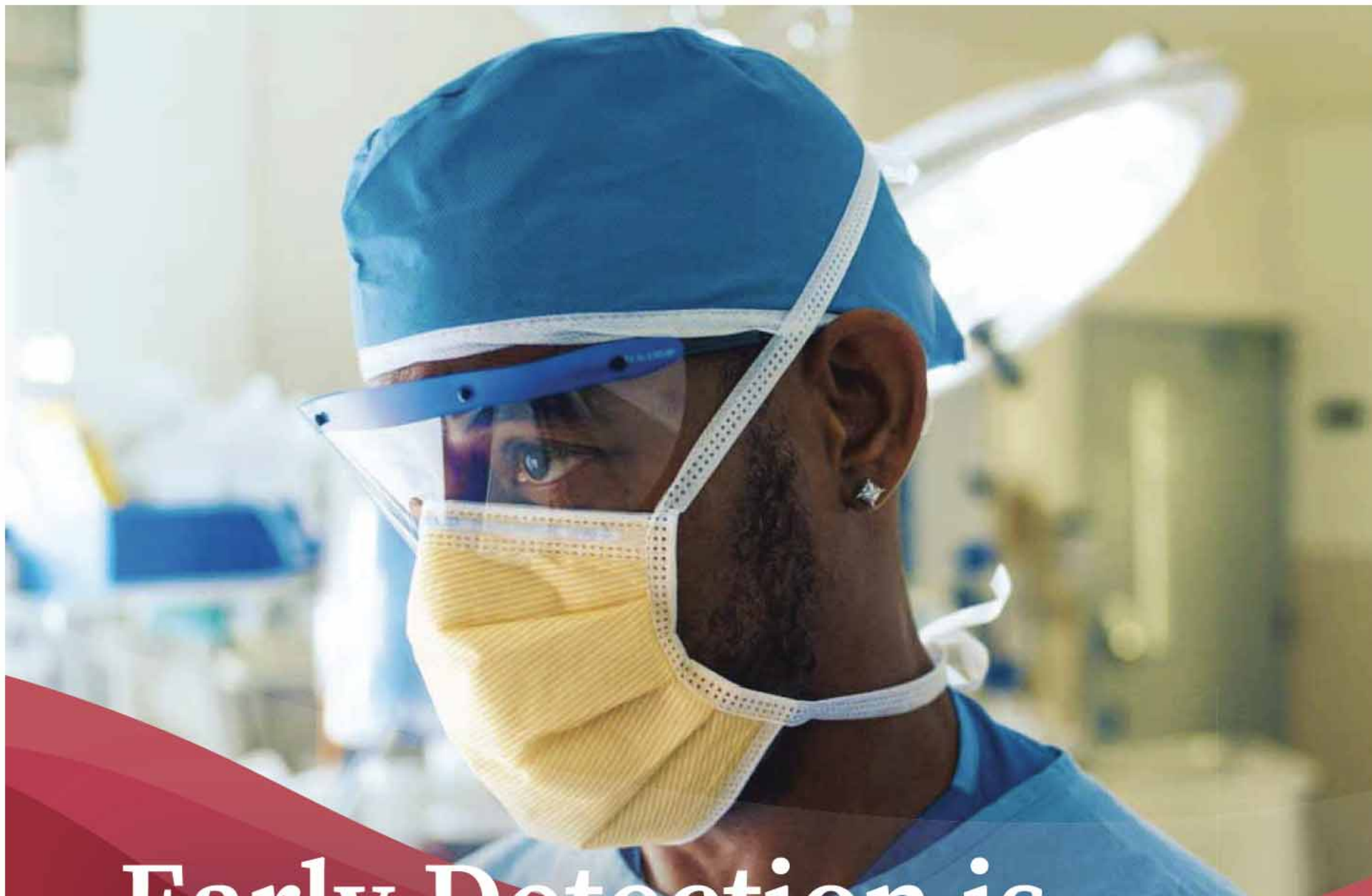


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WHAT A WEEK



BY JEREMY WALSH

Remembering Don Lewis

The Pleasanton community — and the music world at large — is mourning the loss of performer, composer and synthesizer pioneer Don Lewis, who died on Sunday surrounded by family following a brief illness. He was 81.

I had the chance to meet Lewis and his wife Julie on multiple occasions, all in professional settings, most notably when he received the Weekly's Tri-Valley Hero Arts and Culture Award in 2016. I also heard him play the piano briefly several times, as a guest at Rotary Club of Pleasanton luncheons.

Lewis' passion and creativity shined through every time I heard him perform or read him reflecting on his career at various times in the Weekly over the years. Even now, writing this obituary column, I'm uplifted listening to Lewis' 2019 album "Amazing Voyage" and combing over our archive articles, each one featuring picture after picture with his beaming smile.

That's the Don Lewis so many in Pleasanton knew.

But as much as he is remembered for his impact on his hometown of more than four decades, Lewis' story is also etched into music history, and so representative of modern American history.

Raised in Ohio in the 1940s and '50s, Lewis told the Weekly he was first drawn to music as a youngster watching the organ player at church.

His life journey took him to the Tuskegee Institute (and its famed Tuskegee Choir), and then into the U.S. Air Force in 1961 for a four-year tour as a weapons specialist in Roswell, N.M.

After his military service, he found music professionally first in Denver and then upon moving to Los Angeles and later the Bay Area. In the 1970s, he toured with the Beach Boys, performed with symphony orchestras and in nightclubs and worked in studio with the likes of Quincy Jones and Michael Jackson.

During this time, he also became drawn to the synthesizer and the notion of developing a way to streamline this instrumental process.

"(The invention) came out of necessity from hauling around all these individual instruments that I could not get complete access to play all the time," Lewis told us in 2016.

Lewis spent from 1974 to 1977 working on his Live Electronic



Orchestra (LEO), a synthesizer system that became the inspiration for the Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) in the 1980s.

He played the LEO often in San Francisco, but by the early '80s as his popularity grew, he found himself the target of an unexpected enemy — Musicians Union Local 6, who deemed Lewis' pioneering of synthesizer technology threatened to put individual instrumentalists out of work. They picketed his performances at the time, forcing Lewis to pull back from live shows for a while.

That tale is just one of many amazing anecdotes examined in the documentary "The Ballad of Don Lewis: The Untold Story of a Synthesizer Pioneer" by producer Ned Augustenborg. The film was finished and released online two years ago and is scheduled to make its national broadcast debut on PBS in February.

The documentary shares so much about Lewis and his story, which locally includes years of mentoring students in our area through his "Young Expressions" program and "Say YES to Music!" assembly performances.

But if you want to really feel his musical impact, stream "Amazing Voyage", which is comprised of synthesized versions of seven songs with deep meanings in African American history and Lewis' own life.

"The songs are sequenced from those sung by Negro slaves in the Old South to tunes of reformation, rehabilitation and reconciliation that our country and the world needs right now," Lewis told the Weekly upon the album's release.

"The last song ('We'll Understand It Better By and By') lets us know that someday we'll understand by and by when we come to an understanding of why and what was done and what's going on today and how we can change."

A message still very relevant today. Rest in peace, Don Lewis. ■

About the Cover

The sun was shining and the mood festive last Sunday as downtown Pleasanton hosted the annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, ahead of today's formal holiday. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Doug Young.

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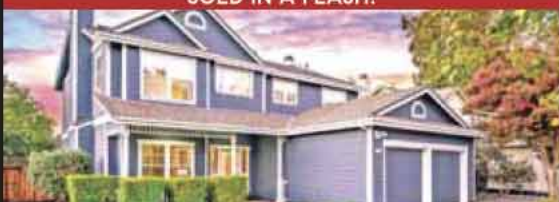
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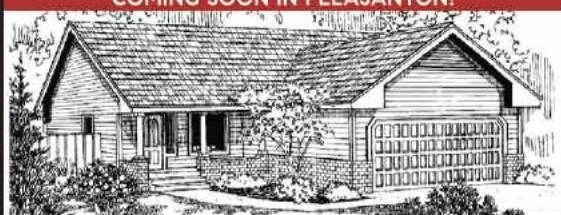
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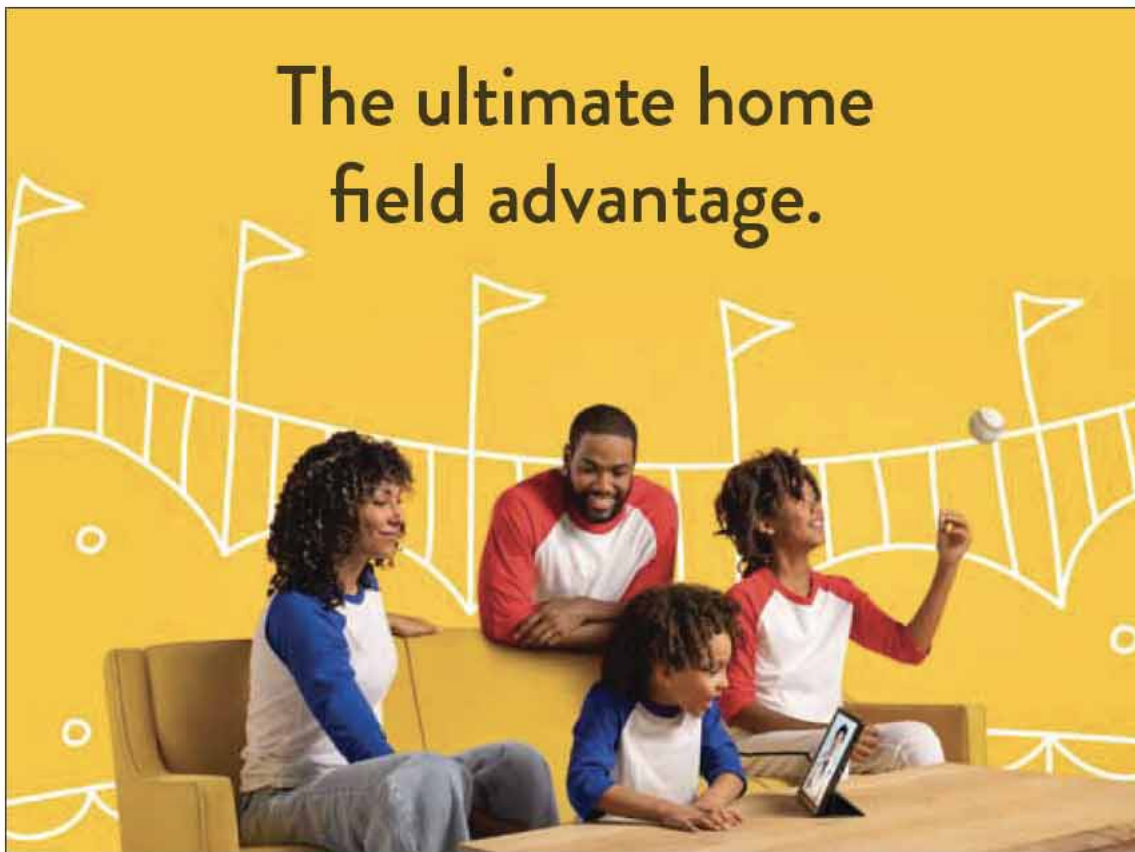


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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What kind of music always puts you in a good mood?



Aryo Anvar
Elementary school student

Any music that comes from a movie with
a score by John Williams, and also songs
by Sandi and Stevie. They're a local
husband-and-wife singing team and
they're awesome.



Matteen Anvar
Elementary school student

I love Sandi and Stevie music too, and
also Weird Al Yankovic songs like "Eat
It".



Hooman Parizi
Engineer

Elton John songs always put me in a
great mood. I love his voice and his
passion. I especially love the duets he
sings with Dua Lipa.



Checkad Anvar
Engineer

Oh, that's easy: '60s music for sure. It's
so positive and uplifting. It just makes
me feel happy.



Negar Parizi
Engineer

I'd have to say music from children's
movies and television programs because
it's cheerful and upbeat. For example,
music from the movies "Trolls" and
"Zootopia".

—Compiled by Nancy and Jeff Lewis

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Prayer Breakfast

The 10th annual Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast, hosted by CityServe of the Tri-Valley, is returning to Pleasanton on Nov. 21 from 7-9 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club.

Seen as the kickoff to the Tri-Valley's "Season of Serving", the event brings together public officials, pastors, business owners, nonprofit representatives and community leaders to "reflect and celebrate the ways we work together to provide dignity and support to all our neighbors — all year, every year."

"It's always an honor to host the Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast, and I'm excited this year in particular to reflect on a decade of collaboration and share exciting plans for 2023," CityServe CEO Christine Beitsch-Bahmani said. "Our collective commitment to community is a key reason our region is such a special place to live."

The keynote speaker will be Dan Kimball, author and founder of Vintage Faith Church in Santa Cruz. For tickets and other information, visit cityservecares.org.

PUSD town hall

Residents can hear directly from Pleasanton Unified School District leaders on important local education issues at a town hall meeting next Tuesday (Nov. 15).

"Learn about one-time funding PUSD is receiving through the Art, Music and Instructional Material Block Grant as well as the Learning Recovery Grant and provide ideas on how these funds can be used to serve our students," PUSD officials said.

The school board and cabinet members will be in attendance for the event, which is scheduled to run from 5:30-7 p.m. at Amador Valley High School. Visit www.pleasantonusd.net for details.

Visual writing aids

Bay Area author Jill Hedgecock is set to present on "Muse Boards: A Visual Writing Aid for All Genres" during the Tri-Valley Writers Chapter of the California Writers Club meeting next weekend.

"Learn how to use images in a Muse Board to assist in character development, informing book structure, creating mood, and inspiring descriptive text, while keeping all the details straight," club officials said.

Hedgecock is known for her debut novel, "Rhino in the Room", and as a contributor to The Diablo Gazette. The club meeting is set for 2 p.m. next Saturday (Nov. 19) at the Four Points by Sheraton in Pleasanton. For reservations, visit www.trivalleywriters.org. ■

Election Night: Slow-growth candidates control Pleasanton council races

PUSD's Measure I bond, Alameda County DA too close to call.

Plus, results so far for Sunol, Livermore and Dublin

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO,
NICOLE GONZALES, CIERRA BAILEY,
JEREMY WALSH

Election Night has come to an end with both of Pleasanton's two City Council races showing slow-growth candidates with comfortable leads, according to initial returns released just after 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Other big ticket items for Pleasanton residents such as the Pleasanton Unified School District's Measure I school bond and the Alameda County district attorney race are still too close to call.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office reports voter turnout so far countywide as 18.31%, representing vote-by-mail ballots received

before Election Day and votes cast in-person. An unknown number of eligible vote-by-mail, conditional and provisional ballots still need to be counted.

Tuesday's general election was Pleasanton's first time following a district-based format for the City Council's four-year term seats, with District 1 representing the northwest Pleasanton neighborhoods and District 3 representing the southwestern part of the city.

In the open District 1 race Jeff Nibert, a 35-year resident of Pleasanton and a current member of the city's Planning Commission, is far in the lead with 63.14% of votes. His challenger Dean Wallace, a political staffer who currently works as a

district director for Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Berkeley), currently sits in second place with 36.86% of votes.

Some of Nibert's campaign goals include supporting affordable housing in areas where it makes sense while retaining local control, improving the city's water wells and maintaining the city's public safety.

In District 3, City Council incumbent Julie Testa is leading with 44.81% of votes while chair of the city's Committee on Energy and the Environment Joel Liu trails behind with 34.39% of votes. The third candidate and former PUSD trustee Jamie Yee fell short with 20.81% of votes.

Testa is in her fourth year serving

on the City Council and has held a strong position on fighting to maintain local control and pushing back on the state's mandated housing laws. Apart from that, she has also supported recent council items to do more work on the city's problem with its water wells and has also called for more police oversight in the form of an independent auditor.

Pleasanton's Mayor Karla Brown, who ran unopposed during this election but was still required to appear on the ballot, has received 8,579 votes thus far — compared to the 18,192 she got in a hotly contested 2020 mayor race.

In the PUSD school board race

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WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Barone's Restaurant will be closing its doors on Dec. 22 after 27 years of serving fine-dining cuisine in downtown Pleasanton.

Barone's Restaurant shutting down for good after nearly 30 years

Website cites COVID, inflation, shortage of staff

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Barone's Restaurant, known for offering quaint fine dining downtown, recently announced that it will be shutting its doors for good after its last day of business just before Christmas.

"It is with heavy hearts that after 27 years at Barone's Restaurant, we will be closing our fine-dining operation as of 12/22/2022," according to the

restaurant's website.

Joe and Maricela Barone — who own and operate the restaurant located on 475 St. John St. — first opened their doors in March 1995. According to the "About" section of the restaurant's website, they were able to make their dreams of owning a restaurant come true after they purchased the historic Casanova's Restaurant

in downtown Pleasanton, which later became Barone's Restaurant.

Located on the north end of downtown, a block off Main Street, the restaurant has become well-known in the community over the years — but because of things like the pandemic, inflation and staffing

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Heated debate over council stipends

Pleasanton city electeds' pay going up 10% after split vote

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The atmosphere was tense inside the Pleasanton City Council chambers last week as the council members voted 3-2 to increase their monthly pay by 10% following strong remarks from Mayor Karla Brown.

"If you don't want the salary, if you don't want the increase, don't take it. But I'm worth it," Brown said near the end of the Nov. 1 council meeting. "I know I'm worth it and I'm worth a lot more than this. I'm surprised and disappointed by council members who want to make this political."

According to city staff, the city's municipal code concerning council member stipends allows the council to update the salary every calendar year per state law. The last increase was in 2019, which took effect after the start of the next council term in December 2020.

Because it has been two years since the last update, the council was able to approve a maximum of 10%, which resulted in an increase of \$120.17 per month for each

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Milestone for Emerald High, future home of the ‘Serpents’

Dublin’s second comprehensive high school hosts ‘topping off’ ceremony at construction site

By NICOLE GONZALES

Residents of Dublin joined city and school district officials last week for a celebration at the site of the anticipated second high school. Onlookers watched as the final steel beam in the construction process was placed — solidifying a major milestone for the project.

The “topping off” typically refers to the placing of the final beam in a steel structure. Midday on Friday, the Dublin Unified School District held a ceremony marking the occasion at the Emerald High School construction site, offering visitors the chance to witness the beam movement and tour the area. Though total construction is still incomplete, school staff said this occurrence signifies a major point in the development process.

Francis Rojas, founding principal, began with a speech that welcomed audience members and confirmed the to-be mascot of the new school: future students of Emerald High will be declared “Serpents”.

Rojas spoke to the Weekly about the event’s significance and shared reflections about the school’s

progress so far.

“Today’s ceremony really focuses on a milestone in the construction process,” Rojas said, who has worked in education administration for almost 14 years. “It was one of the final beams of steel that’s been put into our structure for phase one.”

“This is also very symbolic of where we’re at in building the learning community for Emerald High School. Parallel to the physical construction of the school, we’re also designing and constructing the academic and cultural programs for the school,” he added.

Rojas explained that the school has a design team, also present at the ceremony, who holds meetings every three weeks.

“We learn together about different innovations in education, trends in workforce development especially here in the Tri-Valley in the Bay Area, so we can prepare our students for that,” he said.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to sign the beam before construction workers lifted and placed the final piece of steel.



NICOLE GONZALES

Construction workers place the final beam on the Emerald High School steel structure. This marks the “topping off” of the project, a major milestone for the Dublin school district staff.

Located at 3600 Central Pkwy., construction of the school began last December. The campus is set to accommodate approximately 2,500 students upon completion of the building process. It is scheduled to close out spring of 2024.

“This is a testament to the dreams and the desires of this

community to open up a second high school,” Rojas said. “It’s just an amazing project. We’re continuing to build both physically and also culturally.”

“I’m looking forward to how it makes an impact in our community. As a high school educator and administrator,” Rojas said. “High

schools are the hub of a community. As families, we raise our children with hopes and dreams of their future and this is where it culminates before they move on to college or their career.”

More information about Emerald High School can be found at ehs.dublinusd.org. ■

Charges filed against Livermore man for daughter’s death from fentanyl

23-month-old girl died in August, leading to lengthy investigation

By JEREMY WALSH

A Livermore man was arrested and charged with murder last week in connection with the August death of his young daughter who was found to have toxic levels of fentanyl in her system, according to authorities.

Justin Pittman, 22, was taken into custody without incident in Martinez on Nov. 2 and booked into the Santa Rita Jail on charges that also include child abuse causing death and multiple special allegations.

His 23-month-old daughter, Francesca Pittman, died at an area hospital soon after emergency responders were called out to a house on Turnstone Drive for a report of a child who was not breathing around 4:30 p.m. Aug. 18, police said.

The ensuing investigation took multiple months before the autopsy and toxicology results were completed and the case forwarded to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office for review and ultimately the issuance of a new arrest warrant last week for Justin Pittman — who had another misdemeanor case pending for allegedly assaulting a correctional deputy while he was in jail for five days after his daughter’s death before being released with charges not yet filed.

“Fentanyl is an extremely dangerous drug and impacts the lives of many,” Livermore Police Chief Jeremy Young said in a statement. “Fentanyl use and the illegal distribution of the drug is a nationwide epidemic. This is a tragic loss for the family and our community, and I look forward to justice being served so there is some closure.”

Young said the toddler’s death was among four fentanyl-related deaths recorded in the city of Livermore so far in 2022.

According to police, Pittman admitted to using fentanyl two days before finding his daughter unresponsive and acknowledged that the child could have been exposed to the drug.

Pittman, who is being held without bail, appeared in Alameda County Superior Court in Dublin for arraignment on Monday but did not enter a plea to the charges, according to the DA’s office. His next court appearance is set for next Friday (Nov. 18). It was not immediately clear whether he is represented by an attorney yet.

Livermore police Detective Ivan Alvarez described the sad scene when officers arrived at the house on Turnstone Drive, near Hagemann Park, in a probable cause declaration filed with the court.

A woman had called 9-1-1 around 4:30 p.m. Aug. 18 to report a child — later identified as Francesca Pittman — had been sleeping but now her skin was purple and she wasn’t breathing, according to Alvarez. A family member was performing CPR, and the first-arriving police officers provided assistance.

Paramedics soon took the 23-month-old to a local hospital, where she died, according to Alvarez.

During the ensuing investigation, detectives were told that the toddler’s father, identified as Justin Pittman, was the sole adult caregiver watching his daughter on the day she was found unresponsive by his wife, the girl’s mother, according to Alvarez.

The mother told investigators that she got home from work around 4 p.m. that day and soon after another family member mentioned they hadn’t heard from Francesca all day, “which was odd behavior since the child was a healthy 23-month-old child,” Alvarez wrote.

“The mother of the child went into the room and found Justin and the child on the bed. The mother of the child saw that the child was purple in color and unresponsive,” Alvarez stated. “No other person was found to be in the room

throughout the day or the night prior.”

The mother carried the toddler to the backyard, where family members began performing CPR and 9-1-1 was called; they then continued life-saving measures as they brought the child to the driveway, according to Alvarez.

Pittman reportedly told paramedics upon arrival that they should give his daughter Narcan, a medication known as treatment for the effects of an opioid overdose, according to Alvarez. When asked by an officer moments later, Pittman allegedly said the Narcan was needed due to possible fentanyl exposure. Later, in an interview after Miranda rights were read, Pittman admitted being addicted to fentanyl, that he used it two days before finding his daughter unresponsive and that the child could have been exposed to fentanyl, according to Alvarez.

“Justin told investigators that he did not know what happened to his child despite being the sole provider of the child and no other person had contact with the child that day,” Alvarez wrote. “Giving (sic) the totality of the circumstances, Justin was negligent in his cause for caring for his 23 month old child as his behavior and non-expressive wellbeing caused the

death of his child.”

Livermore police reported arresting Pittman on Aug. 18 in connection with his daughter’s death, and he remained in Santa Rita Jail until Aug. 23, when he was released because charges had not been filed and the investigation was ongoing.

During his stay in jail, Pittman was accused of assaulting a correctional officer on the evening of Aug. 23. (Prosecutors filed misdemeanor charges of obstructing a peace officer and battery upon an officer against Pittman on Sept. 29, but they dismissed the case last Friday after his murder arrest “in the interest of justice.”)

Meanwhile, the investigation into Francesca Pittman’s death continued.

“After a thorough investigation and review of the autopsy and toxicology reports, it was determined that the baby had toxic levels of fentanyl in her blood at the time of her death. The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office issued a warrant for Pittman’s arrest,” Livermore police said on Nov. 3.

Pittman was subsequently arrested without incident on the murder warrant on Nov. 2 at about 5 p.m. in the parking lot of a business in Martinez, according to police.

Pittman faces felony counts of murder and child abuse causing death, as well as special allegations of having a prior violent or serious felony conviction, causing bodily harm, willful harm resulting in death and having a particularly vulnerable victim, according to the criminal complaint. ■

PPIE Executive Director McCoy-Thompson stepping down

Says he will continue to support foundation after accepting another job

BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

Steve McCoy-Thompson, executive director of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, has announced that he will be stepping down from his role in the coming weeks after more than six years of service.



Steve McCoy-Thompson

McCoy-Thompson intends to serve on the foundation's board of directors in some capacity, but he has accepted a leadership role at Gratitude Network effective in January, according to a statement from PPIE on Monday. Gratitude Network is a Pleasanton-based nonprofit that provides coaching and consulting services to social entrepreneurs in the U.S. and around the world who serve children and youth.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience with PPIE and all our school leaders, parents and students. We have a phenomenal board and staff as well as truly dedicated teachers and administrative staff. I am thankful for all their support," McCoy-Thompson said in a statement. "I am also excited

about the opportunity to work globally, as I did prior to PPIE, while also retaining my roots and commitment to this amazing community."

PPIE is a nonprofit foundation that supports all the schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District. Since 1987, the foundation has raised over \$8 million dollars for our schools through corporate partner donations, special events and community-based fundraising efforts.

McCoy-Thompson first started working at PPIE in August 2016 — since then he has led efforts in building new fundraising collaborations with different parent-teacher associations across the district.

"Steve has done a tremendous job since joining PPIE. He brought renewed collaboration with all our school parent clubs and raised PPIE's profile among our school families. He has also created strong bonds between our schools and local businesses to help our students along their career path," PPIE Board President Robin Dias said. "Really, our community is much better for his efforts and we are so glad that he plans to continue to support PPIE."

During his time as executive director, PPIE focused on funding supplemental staff such as reading

specialists, librarians and support counselors so that the different schools PTAs could focus on funding class supplies, school projects and development programs for teachers and parents.

McCoy-Thompson helped increase fundraising efforts by 60% and even raised participation rates — meaning the number of families who donate to the foundation — by over 40% during his tenure, according to PPIE.

"The result is that PPIE has consistently donated more \$700,000 each year to the school district for supplemental staff, selected STEAM grants and special programs," PPIE officials stated.

Apart from his fundraising efforts, he initiated a series of engagement programs to connect students with business volunteers in the community.

He oversaw as the foundation instituted a business-student mock interview program, promoted a series of business-class mentoring and speaking programs and he created the Pillars of Pleasanton program and annual awards, which recognize businesses that support Pleasanton schools.

He also helped to establish the

annual State of the School District event, which showcases school progress and programs each year in a speech by PUSD's superintendent.

As he transitions into his new role at Gratitude Network, McCoy-Thompson will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the Three Valleys Community Foundation,

which he co-founded in 2021, and on the city's Economic Vitality Committee.

McCoy-Thompson said he will stay on the job until the PPIE gets a new director — he said the foundation is aiming to fill the position by January, which is when he begins his new job. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Pearl of the Adriatic: Linda and Ron Telles brought the Weekly along on their recent trip to Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro. Here, they pose in Dubrovnik, Croatia — known as "The Pearl of the Adriatic".

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.



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Fallon Sports Park opens final phase

Dublin welcomes residents to newest athletics amenities

By NICOLE GONZALES

Dublin city leaders and community members celebrated at a recent ribbon-cutting and grand-opening ceremony for the final phase of the 60-acre Fallon Sports Park.

Various sports teams, residents and outdoor enthusiasts commingled with Mayor Melissa Hernandez and other prominent members of city government on Oct. 22 to watch the official park recognition event. Completed in three main phases, Fallon Sports Park rests on Lockhart Street in Dublin, between Gleason Drive and Central Parkway.

Fallon features four synthetic turf soccer fields, a baseball diamond, four bocce courts, a cricket field, four tennis courts, four basketball courts, two softball fields and four volleyball courts. Each is equipped with adequate nighttime lighting. Additionally, the park hosts batting cages, two playgrounds and seating areas for picnics.

Residents are able to reserve

fields at the park online for limited times based on availability. Fallon Sports Park will also serve as the meeting ground for many local athletic teams, Dublin Little League included.

Many of the city's prominent officials who attended the event spoke about the park via social media. Shawn Kumagai, Dublin council member, said on Twitter, "I'm honored to open up our new fields, including the Tri-Valley's very first cricket field."

Jean Josey, vice mayor of Dublin, echoed the excitement of the opening ceremony in her tweet, "this was a great morning, so fun to throw out a first pitch."

Development of the park was separated into three parts, each with specific construction and design elements.

First set in motion in July 2010, the park's first phase included 28 acres of the initial development. March 2018 saw the second phase milestone and 19.75 acres of new installments. The third phase, known as the



COURTESY CITY OF DUBLIN

Dublin city staff and residents stand by as the Fallon Sports Park ribbon-cutting ceremony is about to begin.

Upper Terrace, placed the final 14 acres, marking the completion of the full park.

The development process was

overseen by landscape and architecture firm, Carducci Associates. The San Francisco-based company has built other outdoor

recreation areas across California, including one of Dublin's other large public projects, Emerald Glen Park. ■

STIPENDS

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elected official.

That set the new monthly pay rate of \$1,321.92 for council members and \$1,421.92 for the mayor.

"They're paying \$20 an hour at Chick-fil-A," Brown said. "If you were paid \$20 an hour, you would earn about \$3,400 a month ... we're a third of that. This is a stipend. I'm worth more."

At the previous council meeting on Oct. 18, Vice Mayor Valerie Arkin motioned for staff to continue the item to the next meeting because she wanted to avoid the discussion becoming political, which is what Brown said ended up happening anyway. The item was originally on the Nov. 1 consent calendar, which are items that are routine in nature and are usually approved without discussion, but Councilmember Jack Balch motioned to pull it out of consent and have it be heard as a public item.

The discussion came exactly one

week before the general election, when two council member positions are being contested along with Brown unopposed on the ballot.

"It was my preference to not have it heard before the election in order for it not to become political, which I guess too late for that," Arkin said.

She originally motioned to hold the item, along with another similar item on the Oct. 18 agenda that had to do with health benefits for council members, until after the local campaign season.

But the reason the council had to vote on this particular item concerning their salaries by this past week was because from a procedural point of view, they couldn't delay compensation for the new incoming council members.

In fact, one of the reasons Balch did not agree with the item was because he believed the council should have addressed both items on stipends and benefits in the same meeting for the sake of transparency.

"I think transparency is key in government, especially when we're talking about the handling of public money for the purposes of compensating the mayor and City Council members," Balch said. "I think we should be as forthright and transparent as possible."

He added that in light of key issues the city is facing such as chemicals in the wells and affordable housing growth, he doesn't see why staff needed to dedicate their time for that particular item.

"I think council stipends as well as council benefits should all be at the same night and fully disclosed with a fuller conversation," Balch said.

Councilmember Kathy Narum, who also voted against the increase, said that while she was fine with splitting the increase up into two smaller percentages over the next two years, she was not fine with the total 10% increase.

"I've never viewed this as a job. It's public service. It's a form of volunteering," said Narum, whose tenure on the council ends next

month. "It's an honor for us to be able to sit up here, the great majority of the time and so, for me, I can't support a (10%) raise for us, when we're handing out 3.5% raises to our employees."

Narum referenced the recent council approvals to increase managerial positions in the city by 3% and she also referenced Pleasanton Police Department and Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's salary contracts.

"It's not about the total sum. It's just about what's the message," she said. "So for me, I would support 3.5% per year ... that's not a problem. But I can't support the (10%) in light of what we're doing for our employees."

However, Councilmember Julie Testa did not agree with both dissenters' points but she did agree that there are more important things to be talking about other than the "political grandstanding that's happening right now."

"The amount is a stipend. It is not a salary," Testa said. "We don't get paid for the amount of time

committed, and no one does for the money; you'd be foolish to for what this amount is. There's no effort at avoiding transparency."

Brown also doubled down on what she said is a justifiable compensation for the amount of professional and personal time she has given up in order to do the work as mayor of Pleasanton.

"This is our responsibility — to take the final vote of over \$100 million worth in budgets, over almost 500 employees that fall under our general responsibility," Brown said. "I lose (a lot of) personal time, but I'm not doing it for the money."

She said she is proud of her job and that because it's built into the city's codes, she should be able to vote on increasing her stipend.

"Our own civil code allows us to take a 5% raise (per year)," Brown said. "I'm surprised that anybody would use a salary comparison to a stipend position. I'm just surprised. So it does feel political."

The salary increase would go into effect for the upcoming council starting in December. ■

BARONE'S

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shortages that were impacting day-to-day operations, the couple said they have decided to call it quits.

"We want to thank all of our wonderful patrons for their years of support — and for creating so many lasting memories with us and our great staff," the website stated. "We hope these last

couple of months are a time for us to come together and make our final dining experiences together just as special."

But the intent on closing the restaurant isn't something that is new.

The Barones announced their intent to shut down early in 2021 and even tried to propose plans to redevelop the downtown site into residential housing.

The initial plan, which was

submitted to the Planning Commission, was to build an 11-unit detached single-family residential project — seven of which would also include accessory-dwelling units (ADUs) — at the properties at 475 and 493 St. John St.

But the couple found out that if they wanted to do that, their design plans needed to include commercial space and couldn't be entirely residential due to city

regulations.

When the City Council updated Pleasanton's Downtown Specific Plan in 2019, the area was designated as commercial. It allowed for residential use on certain sites if some commercial space was included.

At the time, the council called an exclusively residential project on the Barone's site not desirable and city staff also said they received numerous messages about

the project from residents, with the majority opposed to building more housing on the site.

Ellen Clark, director of community development, told the Weekly that the city did receive a revised project application for the Barone's site last December. The project is currently under city and California Environmental Quality Act review to be potentially identified as a new mixed-use housing project for downtown Pleasanton. ■

Council reviews key housing bills recently signed into law

Also: Contract for consultant to conduct diversity, equity and inclusion study

By Christian Trujano

Pleasanton city staff presented what some council members said was a bleak and depressing report on the 2022 state legislative session, which included several housing-related bills recently signed into law.

While the presentation last week did provide information on other recently signed bills that had to do with water, homelessness and mental health, it was housing bills such as Assembly Bill 2011 and Senate Bill 6 that took over much of the conversation.

These two bills would allow housing projects to be built within existing commercial zones that are zoned for commercial uses today.

"The sorts of residential projects that would typically require a rezoning would just be allowed through these bills in the various mechanisms that they provide," Ellen Clark, community development director for the city, told the council on Nov. 1. "So that provides significant opportunities for developers to build housing where it's currently not allowed today."

Authored by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, AB 2011 will allow for a streamlined ministerial process for 100% affordable housing projects on the basis of two categories of projects that include significant increments of affordability — 100% affordable projects, and mixed-income projects.

The bill is also exempt from California Environmental Quality Act guidelines which would usually look at future developments and make regulations depending on how those projects would affect the environment in terms of things like traffic.

SB 6, on the other hand, is a bill that was amended with union-only clauses while reducing affordability requirements and it does not provide permit streamlining unless it's applied in conjunction with bills like Senate Bill 35, which does allow streamlining.

There is no specific affordability requirement in SB 6, but projects under SB 6 will need to comply with local inclusionary standards and could allow for affordable housing if they use a companion piece of state law like SB 35, which has minimum affordability requirements in it.

"Think about it as a trade off between labor requirements and affordability requirements," Clark said. "So both bills, which have these similarities, normally one or the other of them would survive. In this case, both went forward because they offer slightly different ways to approach affordable housing, or housing construction."

Both of these bills will go into effect this upcoming June and will

sunset in January 2033, but the amendment to have them start in June was actually thanks to the City Council Legislative Subcommittee.

"That's actually an amendment that the city of Pleasanton requested," Clark said. "It gives us a little bit more breathing room to develop implementation around this and for the state to develop better guidance around these very complicated areas of law."

That amendment was viewed as a win by Andres Ramirez, a senior associate at Townsend Public Affairs, which is an advocacy firm that worked with the city to engage with local state representatives and bill authors and offer amendments to several bills.

He told the council that, even though it can be seen as a small win, getting that extension shows the growing relationship between legislators and cities like Pleasanton that are presenting their reasons for regaining some local control.

In total, the city also sent 67 advocacy letters during the 2022 legislative session and monitored a total of 76 bills that were focused on a range of topics including housing, fiscal sustainability, infrastructure, public safety and sustainable development among others.

"The purpose of these meetings, especially as we do them individually and as a Tri-Valley cities coalition, is to develop and form a very strong relationship with these key stakeholders in Sacramento so that when we want to weigh in on bills, when we have requests, when we have suggested amendments, we have that relationship baked in, they trust us. They know we're a thought partner," Ramirez said.

He also said another win was securing other substantive amendments that will affect or mitigate some of the effects on how developments would have been built.

"Essentially the housing types would have been worse, had we not secured the amendments we secured," Ramirez said. "We were able to secure greater step back requirements. So in terms of community character, making sure that there's available light and not overshadowing from these dense tall buildings."

Clark said another notable provision that the city advocated for in its lobbying efforts, was to require setbacks on upper floors. That way the city has some ability to preserve a few corridors where projects could have been developed, to avoid the "sort of shade and shadow effects that you get with taller buildings."

"So the bottom line on this is that this is really a significant change," Clark said. "It opens up very large areas of many communities to

residential development in areas that were never really contemplated for those types of uses."

Ramirez said that is why with the new legislative body coming into Sacramento following the elections, it could be a great chance to form these types of relationships early on. That way he and the city can continue lobbying for amendments that will mitigate negative impacts that these bills could have on cities like Pleasanton.

However, he added that this is probably not going to change the overall trajectory of the state passing more housing-related bills.

Councilmember Julie Testa said that is why even those small wins and amendments do not feel like wins and that she is still very concerned about the never ending push from the state to take away local control.

"The accumulation of everything that has passed over the last year, it's devastating," Testa said. "The small wins don't change that it's devastating what it's going to do to our community, and other communities ... across the state."

She asked Ramirez if there was anything the city could do to advocate for regaining local control to which he said it all depends on how he and other lobbyists can continue to fight back against the one size fits all approach these housing bills are taking.

Another significant bill that city staff touched on was AB 2097, which prohibits the imposition of parking requirements for residential and commercial projects that are within a half a mile of major transit.

"There are some limited exceptions, if you can make findings that there are certain impacts either to affordable housing or to existing parking, so it's a little bit of a ray of hope," Clark said. "But the bill also creates exceptions to the exception in making small projects automatically eligible with no way to limit that request to have no parking."

Clark said that AB 2097 would have an immediate direct effect on downtown Pleasanton in that if a site is within a half a mile of transit, and it's not otherwise excluded for some other reason, it would be eligible for 80 units to the acre.

"I think it's not just about the streets, but particularly in downtown, it's about city hall, and it's about the library," Councilmember Kathy Narum said. "Those should not become overnight parking. Those are for the residents and those are for events downtown, in my mind."

Mayor Karla Brown echoed those thoughts and added that developers should carry the burden of having to worry about the impacts of parking for future proposed

housing developments.

"I mean, I'm just struggling with the idea that anybody would be interested in spending all the money to construct a highish-density housing within a half mile and know that people have cars, people need to take their kids to daycare and go to the grocery store," Brown said.

Councilmember Jack Balch, however, proposed a different line of thinking and said that the city shouldn't focus on fighting back on all of these bills, it should work with developers on creating well designed housing projects.

"It doesn't mean we over-build, it just means that we start thinking ahead and start working to build our community in a way that is insightful and with foresight," Balch said. "Instead of acting like someone just ran over our household cat, we need to be looking at how we are solving problems."

One idea he threw out was building a parking structure downtown.

"We do continue to advocate for changes that we think are appropriate with the legislators, we do," Balch said. "We keep telling them that (with) parking, one size does not fit all ... but I think we need to regain our city of planned

progress, and I mean it outside of just a motto only. I think we need to be thinking more ahead."

In other business

The City Council moved forward with a professional services agreement in the amount of \$224,500 to help facilitate a diversity, equity, and inclusion study.

The study will go toward developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan, which was one of the 2019-20 City Council Work Plan priorities.

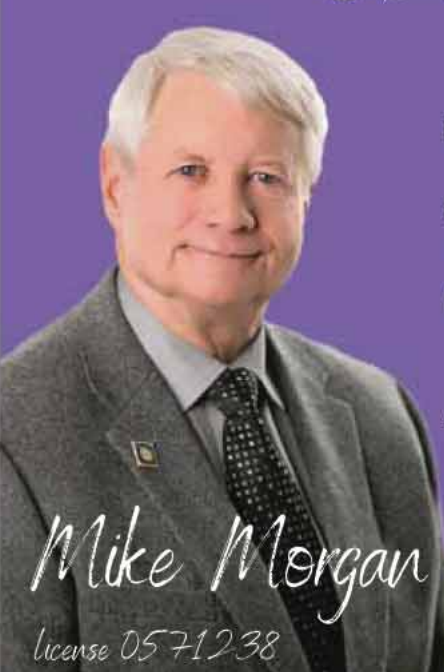
"Ultimately, this is about all organizations making sure that every single employee feels valued, feels respected, feels like they can be their authentic selves at work, which certainly has a significant impact on the success of the organization," said Lamont Browne, vice president of DEI solutions at MGT of America Consulting, LLC.

MGT is the national public sector consulting firm that the city is entering the agreement with -- Browne will act as the executive-in-charge for Pleasanton's DEI project.

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Tri-Valley cities hold onto healthy pavement quality marks

Dublin and Danville still at top locally but lose points; Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore stay steady

By JEANITA LYMAN

The latest data on pavement quality in the Bay Area shows Tri-Valley cities keeping their high scores overall, despite a slight drop in points for two municipalities with the best-scoring roads in the area.

The annual Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) report on Bay Area pavement conditions was released on Oct. 24, showing Danville and Dublin as continuing to be among the highest-ranked Bay Area municipalities — and the top two in the Tri-Valley — for road conditions.

Dublin received a score of 82 in

this year's report, compared with 84 last year, and Danville lost a point from last year's report, with the town's roads scored at 79.

"Our dropped one point due to the fact that our annual pavement maintenance work was delayed due to contracting COVID-related issues," Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich said. "Our pavement maintenance program usually occurs when school is in recess over the summer."

Despite not being a significant loss, the one point difference puts Danville below the 80 point threshold that delineates the "good" from the "very good" categories in the

MTC report.

"Unfortunately, due to labor and supply chain delays, our annual work is delayed nearly six months, thus this improvement work is not counted in the current rating," Arnerich continued. "We will be back up by the early of next year. It is the council's priority to keep Danville streets in very good condition."

The rest of the Tri-Valley's incorporated communities received the same scores as they had in last year's report: 79 in Livermore, and 78 in San Ramon and Pleasanton, placing them safely in the "good"

ranking from the MTC.

Despite not gaining any ground in pavement quality according to the latest data, the Tri-Valley communities continue to be above the Bay Area-wide average of 67 points, which has remained the same for the past six years.

"The good news is that our counties and cities have been able to prevent major deterioration, thanks in large part to the state gas tax money they receive through the SB 1 local streets and roads program," MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza said. "The bad news is we're still a long way away from our goal of bringing the Bay Area's streets and roads into a state of good repair, which would raise the regional average into the mid-80s."

As of the latest data, Dublin was one of six Bay Area cities with the "very good" ranking from the MTC.

The full MTC report is available at mtc.ca.gov. ■

LAVTA selects new executive director

Wegener returns to lead Tri-Valley transit authority

By CHRISTIAN TRUJANO

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Board of Directors has appointed Christy Wegener as the agency's new executive director on Monday, according to a news release.



Christy Wegener

Wegener was previously the director of planning and operations at LAVTA from 2014 to 2018 before she went to work for the San Mateo County Transit District. She served as the director of planning there and was responsible for strategic and operations planning for the district.

As she returns to the Tri-Valley transit agency, which runs the Wheels bus system, she said she

is ready to put her experience to work.

"The Wheels bus system is near and dear to my heart and I am thrilled for the opportunity to return," Wegener said in the news release. "I am excited to work with my former LAVTA colleagues and to improve mobility options throughout the Tri-Valley."

Wegener has spent over 20 years working in the transit industry for agencies such as the Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Fairfax County (Va.) Department of Transportation.

According to the release, she was recognized as one of Mass Transit Magazine's Top 40 under 40 and is a graduate of the American Public Transportation Association's Leadership program.

Wegener is stepping in after former executive director Michael Tree

left the agency in April to become the CEO and general manager of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. Tamara Edwards, director of finance at LAVTA, has been serving as interim executive director since Tree's departure.

"We are very pleased that Christy was interested in returning to LAVTA," said Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, who also serves as chair of the LAVTA board.

"During her previous tenure here, she helped lay the groundwork for many of the innovative projects that have been implemented over the past few years, including the introduction of shared autonomous vehicle technology, the Go Tri-Valley partnership with Uber and Lyft and a fixed route system redesign that led to increased ridership. These efforts played a large role in

LAVTA being named the top transit agency in North America in 2020," Haubert added.

According to the Dublin city website, the shared autonomous vehicle technology led to the launch of a shared autonomous vehicle project near the eastern Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station to help provide first and last mile connections to the train.

The Go Tri-Valley partnership, which Wegener also worked on, was a one-year pilot program that would give passengers using ride-share companies, such as Uber or Lyft, a discount in test areas of Dublin.

Wegener has a master's in public policy from California State University, Sacramento and a bachelor's in psychology and sociology from the University of California, Davis. ■

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appointed director of human resources and labor relations, told the council that the city began working on implementing the project back in 2018 with executive team workshop training, but the pandemic halted the process.

"The executive team engaged in discussions around diversity, equity and inclusion and race, in an effort to start grasping an overall concept of DEI," Thomas said. "They were able to reset in February of 2021 so the city partnered with CircleUp education, which is a firm that helped to launch a city-wide training called diversity uncovered, which was completed by all city employees by the end of June 2021."

She said the exception to that was the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, which completed their training in August of this year.

Now the next steps, Thomas said, will be operationalizing the DEI program with MGT and updating the city manager with quarterly reports on how the assessment analysis is going.

"The organizational assessment consists of policy analysis, taking a look at policies to identify which ones are really strong, and which ones have some gaps and then helping you improve upon those doing engagement of staff members," Browne said. "Every single staff member will have the opportunity to give their perspective through both a survey as well as participating in the focus group."

Browne said that will lead to developing an action plan which will

be voted on and then, if passed, monitored by MGT to ensure that it's effective, and is having a positive impact on the entire organization.

"Every staff member, every future staff member, every leader, every elected official deserves to have their voice heard, to feel empowered in this process," Browne said. "Our recommendations are not based on what we think, it is based on data that shows strengths as well as gaps with a heavy emphasis on positive engagement with each one of your stakeholders."

City Manager Gerry Beaudin said the funding for the agreement with MGT will be coming out of the city manager's contingency budget, which is an account separate from the reserves fund that is set aside for miscellaneous things that come up along the way during

the budget cycle.

"The need is really around being the preferred workplace in our region," Beaudin said. "We see our community changing rapidly around us in terms of demographics and we just want to be best positioned to provide high quality services, look at our policies, programs, facilities, and make sure that we're able to meet the needs of the community."

Narum said that a sense of belonging is important in the workplace so the city can retain more employees.

"I think when you look at our workforce; the sense of belonging leads to retention, which means we don't have openings and we're not struggling to keep up," Narum said. "A program like this, I think, will really help to highlight the sense of belonging." ■

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for the Area 2 seat, which is the district representing the areas surrounding Hart Middle and Fairlands Elementary schools, administrative secretary Laurie Walker has taken a strong lead with 56.45% of votes.

Her main opponent and longtime Pleasanton resident Urvi Shah is far behind Walker with 32.10% of votes. Shah is a mother of two who used to run a licensed daycare in town for five years but is now transitioning to real estate.

Christine Lutz, a human resources recruiter who qualified for the ballot early in the election cycle but bowed out of the campaign, was also on the ballot and was able to get 11.45% of the vote without running an active campaign.

Former city planning commissioner Justin Brown will earn the Trustee Area 5 seat without appearing on the ballot as unopposed.

Aside from the school board, one of the biggest items on the ballot that concerned PUSD was Measure I, a \$395 million general obligation bond measure, which is just shy of the amount of votes needed to pass.

In order for a bond measure to pass, it needs better than 55% of the vote to pass — currently Measure I stands at 52.79% of residents voting Yes and 47.21% voting No. If passed, the bond would help fund the first tier phase of the Facilities Master Plan by utilizing a tax rate of \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed value for Pleasanton properties. Tier 1 would prioritize funding for the gym and theater constructions at both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools as well as new classrooms at Vintage Hills Elementary.

District Attorney

In other local elections, one of the races that many Alameda County residents had their eyes on was the district attorney runoff race between civil rights attorney Pamela Price and current chief assistant deputy district attorney Terry Wiley.

The race was wide open this year with incumbent District Attorney Nancy O'Malley not seeking reelection in favor of retirement.

The two candidates squared off in a similarly close race during the primaries, which ended with Price in the lead with 43.23% of the vote among four on the ballot.

But Tuesday's election painted a different picture, with Wiley taking a slim 51.68% lead over Price, who had 48.32% of the vote.

Wiley, who has worked for the county DA's Office since 1990 and has served in several prosecuting units, is also currently the director of the DA office's new Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which is focused on tackling crime while making sure justice is carried out fairly.

Price, on the other hand, comes from a background of running her own civil rights litigation practice

for roughly 30 years. She has advocated for criminal justice reform that focuses on alternatives to incarceration such as jail diversion and restorative justice programs for young offenders.

Sunol

In Sunol, residents voted to fill all three positions in the Sunol Glen Unified School District Board of Trustees race this November — two full-term seats and one short-term as well as a school bond measure.

In the school board full four-year term race, the two candidates who are taking the majority of votes are Peter "Ted" Romo with 37.50% of the votes and current Sunol school board trustee Ryan Jergensen with 34.62%.

James Lowder, a business owner and four-year resident of Sunol, is the third candidate for the full-term seat — he sits in third place with 27.88% of votes.

But for the short two-year seat, the race is neck and neck with Linda Hurley, a 39-year Sunol resident and former teacher and nurse taking a 50.70% lead over Chris Bobertz, a Sunol resident and information technology logistics manager, who has 49.30% of votes. As of Tuesday night, the race is being decided by just two votes with Hurley getting 72 votes and Bobertz getting 70 in the small district.

The margin for Sunol's Measure J, a \$10.9 million general obligation bond, is also still too close to call, with the bond tracking just short of the 55% of votes needed to pass. As of Tuesday night, the measure has 51.66% of residents voting Yes while 48.34% voted No.

Livermore

With the first wave of votes rolling in on Election Night, Mony Nop stands narrowly at 50.84% in the Livermore mayoral race with John Marchand right behind him at 49.16%.

If Nop's lead holds, the city would see its first non-white mayor and the first mayor who was elected without ever having served on the City Council.

If Marchand pulls ahead and ultimately takes the win, this would mark his second time at the helm of the Livermore City Council. Marchand previously served as mayor from 2011 through 2020. After a two-year break, he was eligible to run for the position again in accordance with the city's established Municipal Code.

In the District 1 City Council race — which includes the northwest portion of the city — teacher and city planning commissioner Evan Branning leads with 56.84% of the votes while early childhood educator Carol Wahner sits at 43.16%.

In the contest to represent the northeast section of Livermore in District 2, candidate Ben Barrientos has garnered 57.54% and opponent Mel Chiong currently trails with 42.46%.

In the crowded race for Livermore school board, the candidates currently in the lead for the three open seats are incumbents Emily Prusso (18.96%) and Craig Bueno (17.54%) along with newcomer and associate professor Steven Drouin (14.67%).

Chiropractor Deena Kaplanis sits in fourth place with 12.92% followed by incumbent Anne White with 10.10%, mother Alex Izarraraz at 9.87%, retired businessman John Kupski at 6.76%, college student Hayden Sidun at 4.91% and development director Kristina Mazaika at 4.27%.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's \$450 million facilities bond — Measure G — currently has 52.21% of No votes and 47.49% Yes, coming in just over seven percentage points shy of the 55%-plus Yes threshold needed for it to pass.

All three incumbents stand as the frontrunners to reclaim their seats on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. Philip Pierpont ended Election Night with 23.58% followed by David Furst at 22.44% and Maryalice Summers Faltings at 20.68%.

LARPD challengers Ruby Moppin (14.29%), Robert Sanchez (9.67%) and Corey Hahn (9.35%) trailed behind.

Measure P, the city's South Livermore sewer extension project, came out with 63.56% Yes votes and 36.44% No — needing a simple majority to pass.

Measure D, a countywide measure dealing with land use in agriculture and the wine region, also needs a majority of votes to pass. Election Night totals indicate that the item is poised to pass, standing at 67.76% voted Yes and 32.24% voted No.

Dublin

The two at-large Dublin City Council seats were sought after by three candidates, current Vice Mayor Jean Josey, former planning commissioner Lynna Lan Tien Nguyen and Planning Commission alternate Kashef Qaadri.

Candidates Josey and Qaadri finished Election Night in first and second place, respectively. The vice mayor is currently tracking with 46.04% of the vote. Meanwhile, Qaadri has received 32.47% and Do 21.49%.

For the mayoral race, current incumbent Melissa Hernandez ran for reelection unopposed. In 2020 Hernandez made history by becoming the first Latina mayor in the Tri-Valley. She will serve an additional term as the mayor of Dublin through 2024.

Dublin Unified School District sought to fill three positions on its Board of Trustees this election, in Areas 2, 3 (shortened) and 5.

Incumbent Board President Dan Cherrier was opposed by former trustee Sameer Hakim for Area 5. Hakim is currently the vice chair of Dublin Parks and Community Services Commission. As of the

latest results, Cherrier leads the race with 63.93% to Hakim's 36.07%.

Area 3, a shortened two-year term, is between appointed incumbent William Kuo and school volunteer John Wu. According to updated ballot numbers, Kuo stands with 62.27% of votes while Wu received 37.73%.

Kristin Speck, a longtime Dublin resident and school volunteer, ran unopposed for the Area 2 seat and did not appear on the ballot.

For Dublin San Ramon Services District Division 5, a shortened term, incumbent Arun Goel (65.86%) leads challenger Seema Badar (34.14%).

In DSRSD Division 2, incumbent Ann Marie Johnson holds a less-comfortable advantage over challenger Jim Brady, 55.75% to 44.25%.

State and federal representatives

The three incumbents for state and federal offices representing the Tri-Valley held strong leads on Election Night, while the Dublin

councilmember hoping to join them sits well behind in his race.

For State Assembly District 16, which covers most of the Tri-Valley, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) received 64.3% of the vote, with her opponent Joe Rubay (R-Alamo) at 35.7%.

For the newly redrawn Assembly District 20, which includes parts of western Pleasanton and Dublin, union leader Liz Ortega (D-San Leandro) posted 58.6% of the vote against Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, also a Democrat, at 41.4%.

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Livermore) controlled Election Night with 65.7% over opponent Alison Hayden (R-Hayward) at 34.3% for the new Congressional District 14, which includes the southern Tri-Valley.

U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) dominated Green Party challenger Michael Ernest Kerr 79.5% to 20.5% for Congressional District 10, which includes the northern Tri-Valley. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



HIGHLIGHTS

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and approved AB 361 suspending provisions of the Brown Act allowing meetings via teleconferencing and members of the public to observe and offer comments telephonically or electronically. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber – 200 Old Bernal Ave., via video/teleconference and will be broadcast live on Channel 29 and at <https://www.tri-valleytv.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCityofPleasanton>.

- Public Hearing – Adopt a resolution levying the Downtown Pleasanton Business Improvement District Assessment for 2023
- Consider authorizing staff to develop a Citywide Strategic Plan and continue implementing the existing City Council priorities for FY 2023/24 while the strategic plan is developed
- Adopt the West Las Positas Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Improvement Plan and Authorize the Phase 1 improvements as part of the West Las Positas Multimodal Reconstruction Project, CIP No. 11514
- Receive update on revised schedule and work plan for the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update, Stoneridge Mall Framework, and objective design standards

Committee on Energy and the Environment Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

- Select Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 for the Committee on Energy and the Environment
- Set 2023 Meeting Schedule for the Committee on Energy and the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, November 15, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

- Receive Economic Development Plan Progress Update

Housing Commission

Thursday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

- Review and Recommendation to City Council an Affordable Housing Agreement with Stoneridge Associates, LLC for the Stoneridge Mall Resident Project

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Veterans Day

*Pleasanton honors former
with annual downtown*

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Community members young and old — and everywhere in between — gathered in the afternoon to cheer as dozens of veteran organizations, local leaders and families participated in the annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. The event included a special performance by the Pleasanton Concert Band outside the Veterans Memorial Building. The regional celebration in Pleasanton on the weekend before Veterans Day to allow local veterans to attend the holiday, which is today.



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— packed onto Main Street last Sunday and community groups took part in the led local U.S. Army veteran and medic tic music by the Pleasanton Community ion is traditionally held in downtown and ceremonies elsewhere on the actual



Serving his community

Pleasanton veteran Danko named
California Legionnaire of the Year

By NICOLE GONZALES

Bill Danko was on a car ride back from visiting family in Oregon when he received a phone call from his post commander to be notified of a surprise announcement: He'd won one of the most prestigious, selective awards in the state's veteran nonprofit realm — Legionnaire of the Year.

"I was shocked," Danko said. "I didn't expect that. To even be considered among some of the people I've worked with at that level, it's just very, very meaningful."

He was selected by the American Legion, a nonprofit organization that serves and advocates for U.S. veterans, as the 2022 California Legionnaire of the Year. Receiving the award means being nominated and chosen out of over 75,000 members of the group from all over the state.

Danko, a Navy veteran from Pleasanton, was chosen for his outstanding service and leadership in his community.

Danko belongs to the American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton, one of the oldest posts in the nation, founded in 1920. He was presented with the award at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Hall on Oct. 15 at a dinner held in his honor. Prominent city officials were in attendance, including Mayor Karla Brown and councilmembers Kathy Narum, Jack Balch and Julie Testa.

Retired Army Maj. Doug Miller is a member of Post 237 and several other veteran organizations in the area. As a longtime colleague of Danko, they have worked together for over a decade.

"We're thrilled because Bill really deserves that recognition. Everybody in our post would agree that there's no one more deserving of this award," Miller said. "Bill's been a longtime member of the American Legion."

"He always has a big smile on his face, he's a warm, welcoming person. He's there doing the work and never seeking notoriety," Miller added. "Anyone who spent just a minute or two with Bill would understand why he was not only nominated by our post, but was recognized by the state of California and the American Legion."

Danko joined the U.S. Navy in 1983. While in the service, Danko was trained to be an electrician, which he continues to do professionally now in San Jose. Danko continued to serve in the reserves after leaving the military full-time in 1993. He also became a member of the American Legion and the

Veterans of Foreign Wars, both veteran support organizations.

"Being a veteran in the Pleasanton area or in the Tri-Valley is great. It's an honor to put on your uniform and people say hello to us. You know you did something for a higher purpose," Danko said.

Over the years, he has committed himself to many projects for the legion, most notably with his part in developing the Naval Sea Cadet program based out of Camp Parks in Dublin. Through various chapters across the nation, cadets ages 13 to 18 participate in courses and



Bill Danko

training to inform them about Navy service.

"There was an effort to organize the program in the Tri-Valley called the Navy Sea Cadets. He helped organize and get that started, especially in the beginning of that program," Miller recalled.

Aimed toward kids who may be curious or interested in military service, the program offers them a chance to get a first look into what that life and work may be like.

"We're able to do some great things through that program; these kids actually get to work with active service personnel in different areas. We have a photojournalism program, we have a loan program and a diving program. They really get the opportunity to go and experience these things," Danko said. "It's an opportunity for the kids to decide if military service is the path they want to take into adulthood."

"I'm very proud and happy I'm able to participate in that program. I enjoyed the military; it has done a lot for me. I look at this as the opportunity to give back," Danko added.

Reflecting on his Legionnaire of the Year Award, Danko showed modest and humble sentiment.

"I'm very happy to be recognized, but I really have a hard time accepting this individually," Danko said. "So many of the reasons we've done great things is because we have such an amazing little community. We try to do what we can to take care of our veterans and just raise awareness."

"I think the guys (of the post) do a really good job of getting parades, different programs and scholarships going," he added. "I'm glad to bring some attention to our post and be the Legionnaire of the Year, but I think it strongly comes from all members of the post, the activities we do and just the ability to be recognized because of all the different things that we've been a part of." ■

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Ominous Burgers makes its mark on Livermore food scene

‘It started as a hobby for us and it just exploded into a full-blown business’

BY CIERRA BAILEY

Husband and wife duo David and Tonya Godinez have taken their culinary passion project to a new level with their budding pop-up catering business, Ominous Burgers.

After officially launching in June 2021, Ominous Burgers has been serving signature burgers at various venues and events throughout the community including Altamont Beer Works, McGrail Vineyards and the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival, among others.

David Godinez — the chef behind Ominous Burgers — told the Weekly in a recent interview that his love for cooking stems from growing up around the restaurant industry. He was raised by a single mother who supported her three children by waitressing at a Chinese food restaurant in Fremont for 30 years.

“Like any typical single mom with kids, you’re pretty much raised in the restaurant,” Godinez said. He recalled that by about 8 or 9 years old, he had started helping out as well by cleaning and bussing tables. “I was pleased as punch to make \$2 or \$3 by the end of night,” he said, adding that as he got older, he worked his way up to helping in the kitchen and eventually cooking.

Though he ultimately pursued a career in the financial industry, Godinez said he continued to cook for his family — which includes his wife and three children — and for gatherings with friends.

It was at one of these get-togethers that he was encouraged by his friends to pursue cooking seriously.

While opening a traditional restaurant was not realistic for Godinez, starting up a small, mobile catering business was doable. Godinez reached out to Shadow Puppet Brewing Company to partner as a food vendor. After a trial run cooking for the crew, Godinez was invited to return as a food vendor once a week and Ominous Burgers took off from there.

“It started as a hobby for us and it just exploded into a full-blown business,” Godinez said.

Godinez comes up with recipes while his wife Tonya — whose day job is in advertising — handles the “front of the house” duties and the business side of the company. Their kids help out as well, with serving at



events and even taste-testing potential new menu items.

One of Ominous Burgers’ top sellers is their signature teriyaki, pineapple “Aloha Burger” prepared “Mala style,” which is named for their daughter who came up with the idea to add their specialty “51/50” sauce (a spicy mayo) to the toppings.

While he and his family currently live in Union City, Godinez said that Livermore is like a second home to them with his office based in town and his many friends at the local wineries and breweries.

In addition to allowing him to express his creativity through food, Godinez’s business philosophy has a focus on connecting and giving back to the community.

“One of the reasons why we don’t have a food truck is because we decided that we’d rather be on the ground level where we can talk to the people that order. We have people that come weekly before work and we get the hugs, we get the handshakes, we get kids running up to us and we give them little gummy burgers,” Godinez said, adding that the pop-up allows for more personal interaction rather than being up high in a truck serving through a window.

Through Ominous Burgers, Godinez also collects “tips” in a jar that are donated to various causes, including Make-A-Wish Foundation,

UCSF Give Breast Cancer the Boot, the Firefighters Burn Institute and Shriners Hospitals for children.

Godinez said his family has personal connections with some of the organizations they’ve supported thus far. “My oldest son had heart problems. He’s had five open heart surgeries before he was 10 and he was a Make-A-Wish patient, so that was the first one I wanted to target and it meant a lot to us,” he said.

They chose the Give Breast Cancer the Boot initiative because Tonya lost her mother to breast cancer and her sister is in remission. Godinez also said his brother was a Shriners patient when he was young.

In addition to their support of nonprofits, they’ve donated catering services to local schools for special events like back-to-school nights.

During the holiday season, they collect toys to donate to Adopt an Angel as part of the United Motorcycle Clubs of Alameda and other children’s charities. Godinez is a motorcycle enthusiast who belongs to a motorcycle club called Ominous MC California — hence the name of the food stand and its logo which is styled like a motorcycle patch.

They’ve kicked off their holiday toy drive again this year on Nov. 1 and Godinez is determined to fill their box. “I’m not just asking, I really want to get that bucket filled ...



COURTESY DAVID GODINEZ

Two of Ominous Burgers’ top sellers are the Yippee Ki Yay Western Burger with fried onions and barbecue sauce (left) and the Aloha “Mala style” (right) named after the owners’ daughter.

For these kids to get toys is really nice,” he said.

Looking ahead to the future, Godinez said they want to expand beyond burgers and become more of a multifaceted catering company. “We’re more than just a burger

stand,” Godinez said, noting that Tonya can also cook.

Ominous Burgers shares its weekly schedule on Instagram along with current menu items and other content, including dishes they make for their family at home. ■



COURTESY DAVID GODINEZ

Ominous Burgers is owned and operated by Tonya and David Godinez.

Pacific Chamber Orchestra set for three 'Messiah' shows

'Glorious' concert comes to Pleasanton on Nov. 25

By JEREMY WALSH

Pacific Chamber Orchestra is continuing its holiday season tradition by performing a concert centered on "the sublime melodies, uplifting messages and sheer beauty" of George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on the weekend after Thanksgiving.

The show will be presented on three consecutive days, including at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Pleasanton on Nov. 25.

The PCO program, entitled "Glorious", will feature soprano Laura Farmer, mezzo soprano Renée Rapier, tenor Jon Lee Kennan

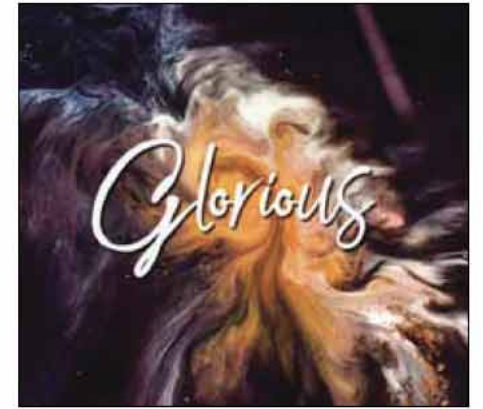
and bass Kirk Eichelberger, along with the orchestra conducted by Lawrence Kohl and the harmonies of the PCO Chorus led by chorus master Dwight Stone.

"Audiences will experience the beautiful solos written for soprano, mezzo soprano, tenor and bass, called arias that are woven between the joyful choruses. Participating in Handel's most famous libretto is known to evoke many powerful feelings, including gratitude, one which captures the spirit of Thanksgiving weekend," PCO officials said.

The audience will also be invited to join in to sing the famed "Hallelujah" chorus.

"Glorious" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 25 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Pleasanton, at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Orinda and at 3 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. For the Bankhead show, PCO will carry on its tradition of inviting several groups of very-low-income seniors to attend for free.

To purchase tickets to the Bankhead performance, go to LivermoreArts.org. For tickets to the Pleasanton and Orinda shows, go to www.pacificchamber-orchestra.org. ■



Goodguys' Autumn Get-Together

Car show to also honor veterans this weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

There will be classic cars galore in Pleasanton this weekend as the Goodguys' 32nd Autumn Get-Together pulls into the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The car show on Saturday and Sunday will include a range of entertainment for automotive lovers — and the rest of the family — on both days, plus special recognition for former military members in recognition of Veterans Day.

"The event will feature thousands of American-made or -powered vehicles including custom hot rods, muscle cars, restored classics and trucks of all years, plus live

entertainment, local food and vendors, free Kid Zone, autocross racing and additional activities for the whole family," Goodguys officials said.

"In honor of those who have served our country and community, there will be a special Veterans Day ceremony which will include a colorguard presentation and invocation, and Vettes for Vets parade, during which over 40 Corvettes will take local veterans on a cruise throughout the grounds," organizers added. The parade and flag ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Also on the first day, Hayward Firefighters Local 1909 will host a

"Smash 4 Cash" charity demolition derby to raise funds for fire and burn survivors in the area and their families — at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Other attractions include a vintage camper display, special indoor truck showing, the AutoCross racing series "Fall Shootout", a burnout competition, the Nitro Thunderfest Dragster Exhibition, the Cars-4-Sale Corral and more.

The Autumn Get-Together is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 12-13) at the fairgrounds in central Pleasanton. For tickets and more information, visit www.good-guys.com. ■



GOODGUYS

The procession recognizing local veterans is a staple of Goodguys' Autumn Get-Together at the fairgrounds.

Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Rink returning to City Center

Start of seasonal outdoor ice skating in San Ramon

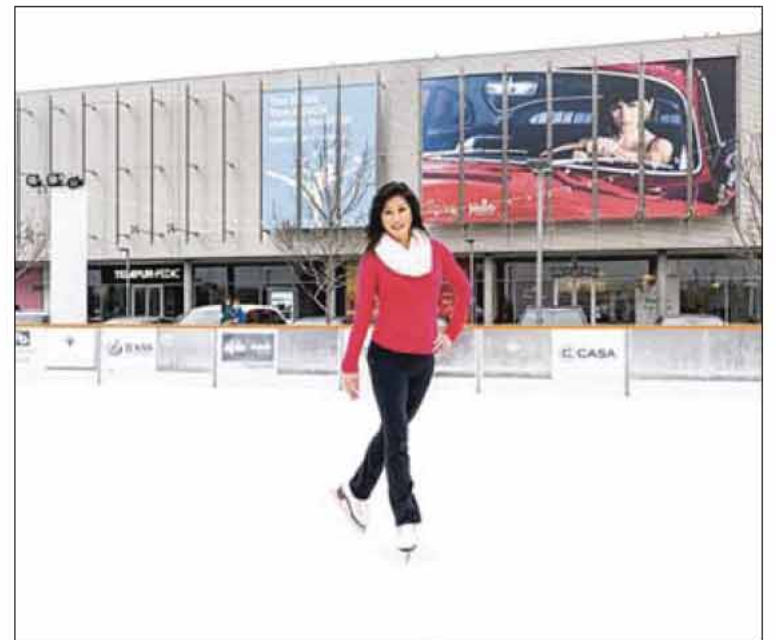
By JEANITA LYMAN

Alamo resident and famed figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is set to join city and venue officials at City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon this week for the opening of the outdoor seasonal ice rink bearing her name at the shopping center.

Yamaguchi will be joined by Mayor Dave Hudson and Alex Mehran Jr. of Sunset Development Company for the grand-opening celebration at the rink today (Nov. 11), which will also feature performances from the most recent generation of local figure skaters, as well as caroling from San Ramon Voices.

"The Kristi Yamaguchi Holiday Rink is a favorite tradition in San Ramon, signifying the start of the holidays," Mehran Jr. said "City Center welcomes families to meet us on the ice, and we're thankful to Kristi Yamaguchi for joining us for another holiday season."

Tickets to the opening event are \$30, with proceeds benefiting Yamaguchi's Always Dream



SUNSET DEVELOPMENT

Kristi Yamaguchi poses at the seasonal ice rink bearing her name at City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon.

program aimed at promoting literacy for underserved children.

The ribbon cutting will mark the start of eight weeks of skating at

the rink, which will be open from noon to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekends through Jan. 8. ■



COURTESY LVA

José Feliciano playing the Bankhead

Music icon José Feliciano, known as one of the first Latin artists to cross over into the English language music market, is set to perform at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore next week. A nine-time Grammy Award winner, Feliciano is in his seventh decade making music with his familiar voice and acoustic guitar sound — and of course this time of year, he's a favorite on holiday playlists with his classic hit, "Feliz Navidad". Feliciano's concert at the Bankhead is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. next Friday (Nov. 18). To learn more, visit LivermoreArts.org.

POLICE BULLETIN

Man faces manslaughter charge for Valentine's Day crash on Hopyard

A Pleasanton man has been charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter for the Valentine's Day morning crash on Hopyard Road that killed a mother and seriously injured her son, the Weekly has learned.

Pleasanton police allege Jesus "Jesse" Ocampo Mangabay, 35, was driving approximately 20 mph over the speed limit northbound in his Chevrolet Impala when he side-swiped a Honda Civic, causing the Civic to crash into a light pole.

The driver of the Civic — 48-year-old Pleasanton resident Ana Paula Munaretto — sustained critical injuries and died at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley on the morning of Feb. 16. Munaretto was a kid club aide within Pleasanton Unified School District, according to district records. Her passenger son survived the collision but also suffered serious injuries.

The investigation into the fatal crash continued for months afterward and resulted in Mangabay being charged criminally by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on July 14 with a single misdemeanor count of vehicular manslaughter, the Weekly has confirmed.

Mangabay was scheduled to appear in Alameda County Superior Court in Dublin this week for a pre-trial hearing, with results pending as of press time. It is not immediately clear whether he is yet represented by an attorney.

Munaretto's death was the first traffic fatality of 2022 on Pleasanton city streets.

Police reported the collision occurred at around 6:50 a.m. Feb. 14 on Hopyard Road in the area of the Stoneridge Drive intersection, which is where the speed limit northbound shifts from 40 mph to 45 mph. Mangabay's Impala was found to be going 64 mph, according to police.

"Traffic at the time was light to medium. This time of day is when commute traffic starts impacting the thoroughfares of Pleasanton. Traveling 64 mph, at this time of the day is an unsafe speed based on the traffic conditions," Officer Joshua Christensen wrote in a probable cause declaration filed with the court.

Police also allege that toxicology testing identified the presence of benzoylcegonine — a compound created when the body starts to metabolize cocaine — as well as recorded amounts of THC, which is associated with marijuana use, in Mangabay's system at the time of the crash, according to the probable cause declaration. However, any potential drug use did not translate into stronger criminal charges.

—Jeremy Walsh

Bela Ashouri Yonan

September 20, 1933 – October 26, 2022

Bela Ashouri Yonan was born in 1933 and passed peacefully on October 26th, 2022 surrounded by her family. Bela immigrated to the United States in the early 1960s and attended Georgetown before ultimately moving west and graduating from San Jose State with a degree in Interior Design. She and her husband Charles moved to Pleasanton in 1967 where they raised their daughter, Frances. Bela worked for nearly 30 years at Viacom Cable in the engineering department, even earning Employee of the Year. During this time, she also had a thriving Interior decorating business. After retirement, Bela was active at the Pleasanton Senior Center and volunteered at Stanford Medical Center. Throughout her life, Bela was a proud Assyrian and had an unshakable faith in God. She entertained frequently and always welcomed family and friends into her home. She will be remembered for her elegance, her generosity and her easy laugh. She is survived by her husband Charles, sister Flora, brother Fred, daughter Frances (and son-in-law David Hoge), as well as her grandchildren AnnaBella and Charlie and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on November 12th at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton at noon.



PAID OBITUARY

In other news

• A 71-year-old man died after suffering medical distress at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, Alameda County sheriff's officials said last week.

Ali Muhammad was booked into the jail by Oakland police on July 16, 2020, on suspicion of attempted murder.

Deputies saw Muhammad in medical distress just before noon on Oct. 24, when he was out for recreation, according to the sheriff's office. He collapsed as he was talking with the deputies.

Deputies called for medical help and Muhammad was taken to the trauma room in the jail's medical clinic for treatment. But his condition worsened and he suffered a heart attack, sheriff's officials said.

Paramedics and firefighters came and began CPR and other lifesaving treatment. Muhammad was taken to a hospital where he was eventually placed on life support, according to the sheriff's office.

Following neurological tests on Oct. 30, Muhammad was removed from life support because the tests showed he had no brain activity. Doctors pronounced him dead at 1:13 p.m. Oct. 30.

Sheriff's officials believe Muhammad died from a medical condition and not foul play. The official cause of death will be made by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

A suspect in the plot that killed dentist Lili Xu of Oakland died Oct. 28 in Santa Rita Jail. Nelson Chia, 73, killed himself. Chia apparently was Xu's boyfriend.

—Keith Burbank, BCN

• The online wine seller Naked Wines has agreed to settle a consumer protection lawsuit brought by

multiple district attorneys, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Officials said in a statement on Oct. 20 that Nakedwines.com, Inc. had settled a complaint alleging the company had not followed California's Automatic Renewal Law, which mandates certain notices for customers who enroll in programs with recurring payments.

The complaint was brought by the district attorneys of Alameda, Napa, Sonoma, Shasta and San Diego counties and was filed in San Diego County Superior Court.

Naked Wines was accused of violating the necessary notices for customers who enrolled in either of two programs with recurring billing: the "Wine Angel" program, which costs \$40 a month, and the "Wine Genie" program, which offers recurring deliveries of amounts set by the customer.

Customers who signed up for the programs since April, 2017 can receive a refund by making a written request to Naked Wines.

The complaint alleged both programs did not include pre-purchase disclosures about the recurring charges, as well as failed to adequately notify consumers after they enrolled, and failed to provide a simple online way to cancel the payments.

"My office is committed to and continues to take all measures to protect consumers from businesses that fail to follow the law. In this case, we are enforcing the California Automatic Renewal Law, which has proven to be an important protection and benefit to Californians," Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement.

Naked Wines agreed to pay \$650,000 in civil and investigative costs. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 2

Theft

- 12:48 a.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 4:58 p.m., 1700 block of Springdale Avenue; catalytic converter theft

Fraud

- 11:54 a.m. on the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard

Graffiti

- 1:45 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Safrano Way

Nov. 1

DUI

- 3:11 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Clorox Way

Vandalism

- 8:44 a.m. on the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

Theft

- 8:53 a.m., 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; catalytic converter theft
- 4:31 p.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; theft from auto
- 4:42 p.m. on the 4800 block of Saginaw Circle

Oct. 31

Theft

- 7:59 a.m., 5700 block of Dalton Creek Way; theft from auto
- 8:10 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 10:02 a.m., 4500 block of First Street; theft from auto
- 11 a.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:31 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 1:50 p.m., 5700 block of Pleasant Hill Road; theft from structure
- 2:25 p.m., 4100 block of Torino Court; auto theft
- 3:17 p.m., 6500 block of Cottonwood Circle; catalytic converter theft
- 6:03 p.m. on the 400 block of Rose Avenue
- 7:14 p.m., 2600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

Trespassing/prowling

- 9:37 a.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

Domestic battery

- 6:14 p.m. on Second Street

Oct. 30

Alcohol violation

- 4:35 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Burglary

- 9:53 a.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Catalytic converter theft

- 9:53 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Assault/battery

- 4:01 p.m. on the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Warrant arrest

- 9:25 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 11:08 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Nevada Court

Oct. 29

Theft

- 8:19 a.m., 4600 block of First Street; auto theft
- 10:37 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 12:49 p.m., 5000 block of Blackbird Way; bicycle theft

Warrant arrest

- 8:57 a.m. at Owens and Johnson drives

Barbara Jean Mills

June 22, 1940 – October 24, 2022

Barbara Jean McMahon-Mills was born June 22, 1940 and passed peacefully on October 24, 2022 at the age of 82. Her siblings included her sisters, Elizabeth and Patsy, and her two brothers Ed and Richard. In 1949, the McMahon family moved to 2nd Street in Pleasanton, California. Barbara had a son, Donald Mills; a daughter Holly Mills-Novacek, two granddaughters, Brittany Mitchell and Lindsay Grigoryev, and four great granddaughters, Hayden, Evie, Preslee and Polina. Barbara attended Amador Valley High School, class of 1958, where she was crowned prom queen. She enjoyed entertaining, socializing, and painting, but most of all spending time with her family and friends. Barbara was ALWAYS the life of the party and enjoyed bringing joy to others.

A service will be held for anyone who would like to join on November 17th at 11am at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton.



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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Amador girls' water polo advances with thrilling double-OT victory

Also: EBAL's best dominate sectional playoffs, book spots in state volleyball tournament

For the second straight year, the Amador Valley girls' water polo team has made a nice run in the North Coast Section playoffs.

And for the second straight year, they are doing it in breathtaking fashion, beating Washington 10-9 in double overtime in the quarterfinals.

A depleted roster, further complicated when two of their starters fouled out, the Dons were forced to turn to a bench of players who had limited game time this year.

"I'm so proud of this team," Amador coach Tim Reilly said. "It was a true team effort. They have played in high-pressure situations with the game on the line, but this showed a whole new level of maturity."

Reilly pointed out seniors Erin Brown, Evelyn McLaughlin and Kate Harris for stepping up, but also was quick to point out the amazing maturation of freshman Susan Swyers.

"I knew it was coming as she gained more confidence throughout the season," Reilly said. "Susan showed up! For a freshman to come up big like that was huge."

The Dons were down one with a touch over a minute left in the



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Amador Valley goalie Erin Brown, seen here in an earlier game, was stellar in the quarterfinal.

second overtime. McLaughlin — the leading scorer for the Dons — drove down to the left post, drawing the attention of three defenders.

Swyers found herself on the right side and seeing McLaughlin being blanketed, drove toward the middle of the cage. McLaughlin got the ball to Swyers, who had a defender on her as well.

Swyers got to the ball, then launched a shot from seven meters out that found the upper right corner to tie the game.

"Seniors make plays like that, not freshmen," Reilly said of the goal.

But the game was not over. Amador all-world goalie Erin Brown got the ball on an Amador stop, then dropped a dime to a breaking Swyers.

Swyers then took on a pair of defenders, drawing an exclusion foul to give the Dons a 6 vs. 5 power play with 46 seconds left in the second overtime.

After a timeout to call a play, the Dons executed flawlessly as Harris passed to Swyers, who in turn found McLaughlin and the senior made good, scoring with 27 seconds left.

Washington had one final chance, but another Amador stop resulted in the thrilling win and sending Amador on to the semifinals.

Brown ended blocking 24 of 33

shots, racking up an amazing 73% save percentage.

Some other notes from the game saw Swyers playing the entire game, and Harris battling through the flu staying in throughout the game as well.

McLaughlin had been at least double-teamed throughout the game, and suffered a pair of blows to the face, but stayed to team with Swyers in the final minute of the game to win the match.

NCS girls' volleyball

The East Bay Athletic League turned the girls Division I tournament into its own party with four EBAL teams making up the semifinals.

Monte Vista was the top seed but was taken out by No. 4 Foothill, as the Falcons posted a thrilling upset 15-25, 25-17, 25-19, 29-27 to grab a spot in the finals.

The other semi saw second-seeded San Ramon Valley take out third-seeded Amador Valley 25-19, 25-22, 25-17.

In the finals, the Wolves took out the Falcons 25-21, 25-20, 25-20. All four EBAL teams advanced on to the CIF State Tournament. ■

Editor's note: Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact him about his Pleasanton Preps column, email acesmag@aol.com.



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Freshman Susan Swyers came up clutch in the double-overtime thriller.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Virus Geeks
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 593018.
The following person doing business as: Virus Geeks, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Madrix Diagnostics, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by Madrix Diagnostics, a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein May 13, 2022. Signature of Registrant: Francis Lee, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 27, 2022. (Pleasanton Weekly, November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2022.)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
Case No.: 22CV019830 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, [REDACTED], filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: [REDACTED] THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a

written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 2, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Dept. 17 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2022. Judge Charles A. Smiley, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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Calendar

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Entertainment

JAZZ AT INKLINGS Featuring guest jazz vocalist Jenna Mammina and the local Matt Finders Trio. Free with limited seating. 5:30-7p.m., Nov. 11. Reserve at info@pleasantonjazzsociety.com.

TRIBUTE TO COUNT BASIE & DUKE ELLINGTON Two of the very best big band leaders honored in one show at the Bankhead, featuring the Mills Brothers. 3 p.m., Nov. 13. Tickets \$53-\$83. Visit livermorearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS JOSE FELICIANO 9-time Grammy winner Jose Feliciano will perform some of his greatest hits. 8 p.m., Nov. 18. Tickets \$105. Visit livermorearts.org.

SPARC THEATER PRESENTS BASILOSAURUS Shakespeare and Performing Arts Regional Company (SPARC) presents through spoken word “Basilosaurus” part of its second annual Science@Play reading series. Performed at the SPARC Studio in Livermore, this story was inspired by the evolution of prehistoric whales. 7 p.m., Nov. 18-20. Visit SparcTheater.org.

THE TOAG QUARTET Oakland-based ensemble The TOaG Quartet debuts their new music showcase featuring never before heard compositions from their upcoming third album. 8 p.m., Nov. 18. Tickets \$15-\$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

DEL VALLE FINE ARTS PRESENTS Pawlik-Merks-Wyrick: Piano Violin Cello, three of the Bay Area’s finest musicians combine for this trio at the Bankhead Theater. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19. Tickets \$55. Visit livermorearts.org.

BANKHEAD PRESENTS STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE Chris Perondi’s Stunt Dog Experience is Dog Gone Fun for the entire family. See them live on stage at the Bankhead. 3 p.m., Nov. 20. Tickets \$35. Visit livermorearts.org.

CHORUS ECLECTIC Chorus Eclectic shares a vibrant evening of song as this concert celebrates and meditates on the beauty and splendor of the natural world around us. 5 p.m., Nov. 20. Tickets \$25. Visit firehousearts.org.

MANIA! TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES The Beatles band Mania has been playing to packed theaters and screaming audiences throughout California. This is a show for all generations. 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25. Tickets \$38-\$58. Visit livermorearts.org. Mania!

Exhibits

THE FRANCHISE SHOW AT THE FAIRGROUNDS This show invites you to an exciting event to meet face-to-face with representatives from top franchise businesses looking to expand or develop in San Francisco. Industry experts will be on hand to ask questions. Nov. 19-20. Tickets \$10. Visit alamedacountyfair.com.

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE MEMBERS’ EXHIBIT The group’s 15th annual Fall Members Show comes to the Harrington Gallery exhibiting a

variety of 2D and 3D. Through Dec. 17. 444 Railroad Ave. Visit pal-art.com.

MODERN EXPRESSIONISM EXHIBIT AT THE BANKHEAD Shape, Form, and Color: Modern Expressionism is an exhibit around the depth and expanse of Surrealism, featuring works by Alexander Calder and Joan Miro. Thursday-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., through Dec. 4.

Seniors

TECH TUTORING AT THE SENIOR CENTER If struggling with a PC laptop, tablet or smartphone, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Bring device to session. \$2.50R/\$4NR. Call 925-931-5365.

MOVIES MADNESS AT THE SENIOR CENTER Monday Movie Madness is the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. “Mr. Holmes”, 1:15 p.m., Nov. 14. Free.

LARPD TRIP TO POINSETTIA FARM Get ready for the holidays and pick up great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers on this Olives & Poinsettias trip to Modesto. The tour includes Sciabica’s California Olive Oil Co. and Duarte’s Poinsettia Farm. 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 15. \$60/R/\$66NR. To register call 925-373-5763.

AGE WELL DRIVE SMART Keys to driving safer and driving longer at this free workshop presented by the California Highway Patrol. Let the CHP point out ways to keep the ability to drive as long as possible. 10-11 a.m., Nov. 16. Pleasanton Senior Center.

READER’S THEATER GROUP Join for a performance of the Pleasanton Senior Center Reader’s Theater Group with the focus on the written word. 11 a.m., Nov. 17. Senior Center Classroom.

PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER LUNCHESES Senior Lunches (60+) served in the Main Hall, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information call Open Heart Kitchen at 925-500-8241.

MEALS ON WHEELS Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals (60+). Call 925-931-5385.

PLEASANTON RIDES Pleasanton Rides is a door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for Pleasanton Seniors. For reservations and information call 925-398-1045.

Festivals and Fairs

EAGLES AUXILIARY CRAFT BOUTIQUE Visit with local artists displaying and selling handmade crafts along with a bake sale at the annual craft holiday show. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Nov 12. 527 N. Livermore Ave.

LIVERMORE LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE Vendors selling handmade crafts and Lions selling strawberry/banana crepes, burgers,

hotdogs and hot soup. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 12. Bothwell Arts Center.

APPRENTICESHIP CAREER FAIR Apprenticeships are a combination of paid on-the-job training and classroom instruction where one earns as they learn. Join for this first-ever Apprenticeship Career Fair. 3-6 p.m., Nov. 16. Tri-Valley Career Center, 5860 Owens Drive, 3rd Floor, Pleasanton.

EARLIER THAN THE BIRD The Livermore pajama shopping tradition is back so come down early to start Holiday shopping with friends and family. Wear pajamas and get the official giveaway for the season and receive additional prizes from boutique shops. 7-10 a.m., Nov. 19. Visit livermoredowntown.com.

TRI-VALLEY TURKEY BURN The annual Thanksgiving Day Tri-Valley Turkey Burn is a family-friendly fun run/walk/stroll that benefits local youth programs of the Tri-Valley. Nov. 24. For more information visit trivalleyturkeyburn.org.

Farmers’ Markets

PLEASANTON FARMERS’ MARKET The Pleasanton Farmers’ Market is Saturday year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. West Angela Street. Visit pcfma.org/pleasanton.

LIVERMORE SUNDAY FARMERS’ MARKET Gather for music, food and fresh local and organic products directly from producers. Support small businesses and local sustainable agriculture. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays. Between J and L streets.

Support

FREE HOT MEALS Prepared by Open Heart Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m. 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Dine-in or take-out. Visit openheartkitchen.org.

NAMI TRI-VALLEY PARENT RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP A free monthly parent support group for parents with children under the age of 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having a psychiatric problem. 7 p.m., Nov. 15. Contact Marsha McInnis 925-980-5331 or email marsha@nami-trivalley.org.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP Tri-Valley Haven’s Sexual Assault Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m., Nov. 17. Participants must register in advance to Olga at 925-667-2705 or email olga@trivalleyhaven.org. 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES PACK OUT Join the Pleasanton Military Families Pack Out to send care packages to our troops. Requested donation items can be found at pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org. Pre-packout, 3:30-6 p.m., Nov. 18. Packout, 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m., Nov. 19. Veterans Memorial Building.

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7TH ANNUAL MONY NOP TURKEY DROP Help local families in need by dropping off a frozen turkey, gift cards or cash. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Nov. 20. Livermore City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Ave.

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY-THANKSGIVING DINNER Join for a traditional sit-down dinner. This free dinner serves seniors, military, veterans, singles and anyone in need in the Tri-Valley community. 12-4 p.m., Nov. 24. St. Raymond Catholic Church, Moran Hall, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin. To volunteer, visit TVC-Thanksgiving.com.

TRI-VALLEY HAVEN NEEDS FOOD DRIVE HOSTS Tri-Valley Haven is critically low on canned food and is looking for employers, schools and individuals to host a canned food drive for the Haven’s pantry needs. If interested please contact reney@trivalleyhaven.org. Barrels are provided.

VOLUNTEER FOR TRI-VALLEY HAVEN Tri-Valley Haven’s Volunteer Program provides satisfaction and fulfillment and thrives on its diverse mix of volunteers who field calls on the crisis line, advocate for survivors, take care of children, distribute food or work at the Thrift Store. For more information visit trivalleyhaven.org/volunteer.

Talks

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS April Sproule, an artist whose medium is textiles, will speak on The Myth of Creative Genius, at the next Amador Valley Quilters meeting. April is a full-time studio artist who works as a designer and workshop facilitator. 12:30 p.m., Nov. 12. Visit amadorvalleyquilters.org.

NOVEMBER RANGER PROGRAM Join Ranger Vickie to take a closer look at the turkeys in the park, then take a short walk out to look for them. There will be a craft to take home. 12 p.m., Nov. 12. RSVP to 925-960-2400. Sycamore Grove Park, 5035 Arroyo Road.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Madeline Yanov, owner of Time Travel Genealogy, presents “Ancestral Road Trips, Part I: East

of the Mississippi”. This 2-part talk will focus on U.S. migration. 7-8:30 p.m., Nov. 14. Visit l-ags.org.

ECHO HOUSING WORKSHOP: ALL ABOUT EVICTIONS AND RENTERS RIGHTS Pleasanton Library is collaborating with ECHO Housing to offer virtual workshops on important housing topics in Pleasanton. For this workshop facilitators will discuss evictions, the eviction moratorium in Alameda County and AB-1482. 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 17. Visit cityofpleasantonca.gov.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE Join biologist-turned-photographer Ronan Donovan at the Blackhawk Museum as he talks about his work in documenting animals and what we, as fellow social mammals, can learn from them. 7 p.m., Nov. 17. Tickets \$20-\$35. Visit blackhawkmuseum.org.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Jill Hedgecock, Author and Freelance Writer, presents Muse Boards: A Visual Writing Aid for All Genres at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting. This talk will describe how to make and use a muse board. Register by Nov. 18 at trivalleywriters.org. Meeting 2 p.m., Nov. 19, Four Points by Sheraton.

INTERFAITH INTERCONNECT THANKSGIVING SERVICE Interfaith Interconnect will hold their annual interfaith Thanksgiving service which features a variety of ways different faiths and cultures express gratitude. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Nov. 20. St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY This virtual program through the Pleasanton Library is every third Tuesday of the month. Each registrant will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation. Registration closes the Saturday prior to the Tuesday event. 6-8 p.m. Visit <https://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov>

HACIENDA PARK TOASTMASTERS Hacienda Park Toastmasters Club meets virtually via Zoom on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month from 12p.m.-1 p.m. Overcome fear of speaking in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visit haciendapark.toastmastersclubs.org.

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Pleasanton Real Estate Market Update – October 2022

The Pleasanton real estate market in October showed much the same. Most key indexes were lower, with homes sold down 21% from September and 41% from last October. Inventory is down 29% from September, but up 157% from October of 2021. Median days on market increased by 50% from September, and is up a whopping 329% from October of last year.

The median price per sq ft was down 34% as compared to September, and down 3.9% from October of last year. The median sold price remained unchanged from September, but is down 7.2% from October 2021. And pending sales are down 26% from September, and 48% from October of last year. >> To read the rest of this article go to www.680homes.com/blog

Pleasanton Market Report			
October 2022			
Single Family Detached Homes			
	OCT 2022	CHANGE FROM SEP 2022	CHANGE FROM OCT 2021
Homes sold	37	-421%	-441%
Homes for sale	39	-429%	-1157%
Median days on market	30	+150%	+129%
Median price per square foot	\$753	-43.4%	-43.9%
Months of inventory	1.6	-45.7%	+117%
Median sold price	\$1,600,000	-4.0%	-7.2%
Homes under contract	32	-426%	-448%



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 12-16 for Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

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5721 Belleza Drive Kondle Trust to S. & B. Ahn for \$1,100,000
7170 Foothill Road C. Bischer to S. & N. Gadepalli for \$2,680,000
49 Golf Road C. Lam to Bhat Trust for \$1,850,000
5492 Greenfield Way R. Zhou to L. & F. Zheng for \$1,600,000
1450 Groth Circle Symcox Trust to V. & S. Adurthy for \$722,000
3152 Paseo Granada Gerstenberger Trust to V. & V. Gangadaran for \$2,235,000
3775 Reflections Drive S. Kerley to L. & N. Mummidivarapu for \$1,510,000
1010 Zinfandel Court Marks Living Trust to P. & B. Kolipaka for \$2,600,000

Livermore

555 Amberwood Way Barbara Living Trust to Bay Area Executive Re & Dev Gr for \$1,315,000
6002 Autumn Leaf Common J. Yep to S. & S. Chitamanni for \$1,130,000
734 Avalon Way Opendoor Property Trust I to T. Lee for \$1,115,000
389 Basswood Common #1 G. Migic to D. & J. Kim for \$915,000
2284 Briana Street Wieser Trust to G. & K. Burke for \$2,050,000
571 Cedar Drive L. & M. Joseph to M. Hyun for \$900,000
342 Chris Common #107 J. & R. Moody to A. Lisboa for \$439,000
2371 College Avenue Marcel Trust to M. & S. Lee for \$805,000
3146 Danielle Court Singh Family Trust to Ahuja Family Trust for \$2,120,000
3703 Edinburgh Drive Lloyd Family Trust to P. & A. Alkari for \$1,830,000
5590 Felicia Avenue D. & V. Koon to S. Okada for \$1,464,000
5830 Flora Common P. Baltazar to R. & S. Janardhana for \$1,400,000
867 Keystone Way Bailey Family Trust to S. & U. Tandon for \$1,175,000
1153 South Livermore Avenue A. & S. Ceja to J. Li for \$910,500
886 Los Alamos Avenue Shelly Trust to E. & B. Tong for \$1,150,000
333 Marie Common K. & C. Cousens to M. Nuzzo for \$816,000
751 Misty Circle Kurtzer Living Trust to K. & S. Thirupathyswamy for \$1,050,000
1975 Monterey Drive 1975 Monterey LLC to A. & S. Johnson for \$660,000

5679 Mount Day Drive C. Svean to K. & P. Barlett for \$1,325,000
1454 Portola Avenue #2 C. Klenetsky to A. & M. Landera for \$655,000
1554 Prima Drive Turley Family Trust to R. & A. Syed for \$2,375,000
6321 Rubicon Way R. Choudhury to M. & O. Ham for \$875,000
1316 Saint Mary Drive Miles Trust to A. & B. Clary for \$950,000
584 Selby Lane Opendoor Property Trust I to A. Cuppoletti for \$1,000,000
554 Selby Lane V. Ravula to M. & A. Pentapalli for \$1,140,000
2782 Silverado Court Napier Family Trust to R. & H. Vega for \$2,115,000
4039 Stanford Way Carmignani Trust to D. & A. Sreenath for \$1,010,000
2602 Superior Drive Moore Family Trust to M. & D. Sanchez for \$1,330,000
2575 Vintage Lane J. Shezifi to S. & J. Fields for \$1,900,000
1843 Warsaw Avenue Pedrioli Trust to L. & P. Krasnicki for \$1,188,000
537 Wayland Loop C. & J. Hernandez to T. & X. Li for \$1,355,000
533 Windermere Circle K. & R. Crosby to S. & J. Antony for \$1,675,000

Dublin

7212 Avon Court J. & S. La to S. & V. Agar for \$1,051,000
5592 Barrel Avenue M. Jimenez to B. & R. Sharma for \$1,120,000
4348 Central Parkway S. & M. Lin to R. & A. Baokar for \$1,650,000
4196 Clarinbridge Circle P. Elagala to I. & T. Lee for \$840,000
3538 Cydonia Court A. Goswami to R. & N. Kumar for \$1,785,000
3275 Dublin Boulevard #130 Chin Family Trust to Y. & Z. Zhang for \$760,000
6401 Ebensburg Lane R. & R. Slack to N. & W. Viswanath for \$1,200,000
5581 El Dorado Lane A. & S. Parker to H. Choi for \$1,161,500
3774 Hobstone Place E. & K. Angell to U. & O. Malik for \$2,200,000
3360 Maguire Way #105 Lillard 2007 Family Trust to H. & H. Kao for \$753,000
5830 Midnight Place #D Y. Law to Arbogast Trust for \$995,000

Source: California REsource

Editor's note: The full list of Home Sales reported in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon during this period can be found with the online version of this story at PleasantonWeekly.com.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Sept. 12-16)

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$722,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,680,000
Average sales reported: \$1,725,000

Livermore (Sept. 12-16)

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$439,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,375,000
Average sales reported: \$1,145,000

Dublin (Sept. 12-16)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$517,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,550,000
Average sales reported: \$1,085,500

San Ramon (Oct. 3-7)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$320,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,930,000
Average sales reported: \$1,500,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

PLEASANTON

7959 Foothill Knolls Drive \$3,295,000
Sun 1:00-4:00 5BD/3BA
Keller Williams Tri-Valley 925-413-6544

Legend: Condo (C), Townhome (T).
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SOLD!

SOLD AT \$2,500,000
4854 BRAXTON PLACE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS & BUYERS



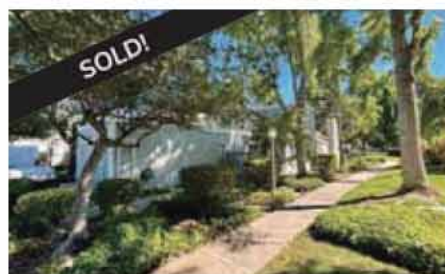
SOLD!

SOLD AT \$1,590,000
3803 ROBBY COURT, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$1,858,000
41555 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$950,000
7368 STONEDALE DRIVE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!
\$125K OVER LIST PRICE

SOLD AT \$2,000,000
39955 SAN SIMEON CT. FREMONT
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$1,200,000
985 RIESLING DRIVE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS & BUYERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$2,150,000
5174 MOUNT TAM CIRCLE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$3,700,000
3401 DEER RIDGE DRIVE, DANVILLE
REPRESENTED BUYERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$3,100,000
2701 EAST CLIFF, SANTA CRUZ
REPRESENTED BUYERS



SOLD!

SOLD AT \$1,500,000
967 CLINTON PLACE, PLEASANTON
REPRESENTED SELLERS



SOLD!

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1-4PM

4846 Knox Gate Court, Pleasanton
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ACTIVE

872 Pine Street, Livermore
3bd/2ba, 1,282+/-sq.ft., 6,651+/-sq.ft. lot
LISTED AT \$949,000



PENDING

4118 Peregrine Way, Pleasanton
2bd/2ba, 1,368+/-sq.ft., 3,486+/-sq.ft. lot
LISTED AT \$1,100,000

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